IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 13 and ending at line 22, as follows.

--Conventionally, as copying machines, composite machines having a copying function and a facsimile function, and image scanners having an auto document feeder (hereinafter referred to as ADF), there have been proposed a number of apparatuses having both the function by which scanning is performed with the original remaining stationary on a glass sheet surface and the function (flow reading function) by which scanning is performed while moving the original with the optical system being stationary.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 1 and ending at line 7, as follows.

--Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open (Kokai) No. 10-186535 discloses an apparatus in which, as shown in Fig. 8, a stationary original D on a first glass sheet 12 is read while moving a CIS 1 as image reading means in the sub-scanning direction and in which, on a second glass sheet 13, the CIS 1 remains ~~remaining~~ stationary and reads a moving original S.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 18 and ending at page 5, line 3, as follows.

--In the case of the proposal made in Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 63-138863, there is provided a jump stand 4 (Figure 8) for picking up an original that has undergone a U-turn and has been read. When the glass sheet on the sheet scanner

side and the glass sheet on the flat bed scanner side are integrated, it is necessary, in order to pick up the original by the jump stand 4, to arrange the side of the jump stand 4 which first comes into contact with the original (the upstream side with respect to the original conveying direction) lower than the glass sheet surface. Otherwise, original jamming will be caused by the edge of the jump stand 4.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 4 and ending at line 7, as follows.

--On the other hand, when the upstream side of the jump stand 4 is arranged lower than the glass sheet surface, it is necessary to provide a groove in the glass sheet surface.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 15 and ending at line 24, as follows.

--Fig. 9 shows a third embodiment of Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 10-186535, in which the support portion between the glass ~~sheet~~ sheets 12, ~~and~~ 13 is flush with the glass sheet surfaces only in the portion in which the CIS 1 moves while being in contact with the glass sheets 12, ~~and~~ 13. In this construction, the glass sheet edge portion may collide with the contact member 2 of the CIS 1, in which case the contact member 2 is worn, resulting in a change in the focal distance of the CIS 1.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 25 and ending at page 7, line 5, as follows.

--Apart from this, although not explicitly proposed as an invention, in the conventional construction of Fig. 8[[.]] there is provided a speed reduction range F of approximately 10 mm to the right of the right-hand end E of the original D, and, further on the outside thereof, there exists an extra portion G of approximately 7 mm at which the frame 3 supports the end portion of the first glass sheet 12.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 26 and ending at line 27, as follows.

--Fig. 2 is a front sectional view of the image reading apparatus of the embodiment of Fig. 1;--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 1 and ending at line 2, as follows.

--Fig. 3 is a right-hand side sectional view of the image reading apparatus of the embodiment of Fig. 1;--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 3 and ending at line 5, as follows.

--Fig. 4 is a perspective view showing a copying machine in which an image reading apparatus according to the embodiment of Fig. 1 is mounted;--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 6 and ending at line 8, as follows.

--Fig. 5 is a left-hand side sectional view of the copying machine in which the image reading apparatus of the embodiment of Fig. 1 is mounted;--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 9 and ending at line 11, as follows.

--Fig. 6 is a right-hand side sectional view of the copying machine in which the image reading apparatus of the embodiment of Fig. 1 is mounted;--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 24 and ending at page 10, line 9, as follows.

--Numeral 12 indicates the original glass stand, which serves ~~serving~~ as the original resting means. ~~There are arranged a~~ A pair of height regulating portions 2 serve ~~serving~~ as regulating means and are formed of a material providing slidability. The height regulating portions 2 are arranged at both ends of the upper surface of the CIS 1, at positions outside the main-scanning region, which is of the width of an image readable region extending in the main scanning direction that is perpendicular to the direction in which the CIS 1 moves. The height regulating portions 2 are in contact with the back surface of the original glass stand 12 to determine the focal distance of the CIS 1.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 10 and ending at line 15, as follows.

--The height regulating portions 2 are provided at outside positions with respect to the main scanning direction of the reading line 1b, and are arranged in front of the width end of the original glass stand 12 and a flow reading glass sheet 13 serving as a second light transmitting member.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 25 and ending at page 12, line 10, as follows.

--The carriage 5 is supported through a bearing 5b by the guide shaft 7 so as to be slidable with respect to the guide shaft 7. The end portions of the guide shaft 7 are secured to the frame 3 so as to horizontally support the guide shaft 7, and the frame 3 is provided with bent portions 3a, ~~and~~ 3b extending parallel to the guide shaft 7. ~~And, sliding~~ Sliding members 5c are brought into contact with the bent portions 3a, ~~and~~ 3b, whereby the carriage 5 is roughly maintained in its horizontal position. When the carriage 5 moves in the sub-scanning direction along the guide shaft 7, the sliding members 5c move on the bent portions 3a and 3b while in contact therewith.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 2 and ending at line 10, as follows.

--~~Protrusions~~ A protrusion 4e on the lower surface of the jump stand 4, provided in the region through which the height regulating portions 2 pass, ~~are~~ is formed ~~as protrusions 4e~~ so as to be flush with or somewhat protruding beyond the glass back

surface, whereby the height regulating portions 2 are prevented from colliding with the protrusions 4e on the lower surface of the jump stand 4 or the glass edge to thereby cause malfunction or damage.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 1 and ending at line 5, as follows.

--An original backup roller 21i is raised with the upward opening of the pressure plate 20 so as to be separated from the flow reading glass sheet 13, making it possible for a ~~the~~ jammed original to be cleared away in this state.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 15 and ending at line 21, as follows.

--After the reading of the original is completed, the CIS 1 is decelerated before it stops. ~~In the case in which~~ When the amount by which the decelerating CIS 1 is allowed to go beyond the end is large, it is usually necessary to enlarge the end portion of the original glass stand 12, resulting in an increase in the apparatus size.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 15 and ending at line 27, as follows.

--When a predetermined period of time has elapsed after the detection of the closed state of the pressure plate 20, or when operational instructions have been given by the user through key input, the main body system performs pre-scanning on the white reference plate 19 glued to the upper surface of the original glass stand 12 by the CIS 1,

and moves the carriage 5, in which the CIS 1 is mounted, to the position B, which corresponds to the flow reading position. The distance by which the carriage is moved is counted in a predetermined number of steps stored in a nonvolatile memory after the movement of the CIS 1 has been detected by the home position sensor 23.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 1 and ending at line 14, as follows.

--The reason for setting the flow reading position outside the region of the original glass stand 12 is as follows.: ~~in~~ In the original conveying portion, on the pressure plate 20 side, corresponding to the flow reading position, there are provided mechanism parts such as rollers and an opening for allowing sheet passage.; ~~if~~ If the flow reading position is on the original glass stand 12 side, the shadow of the opening will be read when an original of a size smaller than the recording size of the original glass stand 12 is read, with the result that the shadow of the opening of the sheet scanner portion is allowed to be recorded in a part on either side of the recorded image, resulting in a deterioration in the image quality.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 24, line 5 and ending at line 23, as follows.

--As described above, in this embodiment, the cutouts 15, 16, 17, ~~and~~ 18 are provided in some parts of the ~~frames~~ frame 3 at the ends of the image reading region, and the height regulating portions 2 are prevented from colliding with the ~~frames~~ frame 3 which serves ~~serve~~ as the support portion ~~portions~~ for supporting the glass sheets 12, ~~and~~

13. Thus, the apparatus size can be reduced as compared with the case in which the support portions of the ~~frames~~ frame 3 supporting the end portions of the glass sheets 12, ~~and~~ 13 are provided outside the movement region for the CIS 1. Further, since no cutout is provided between the cutouts 15, ~~and~~ 16 or between the cutouts 17, ~~and~~ 18, it is possible to support in a stable manner an original glass stand which is relatively heavy. Thus, it is possible to prevent generation of distortion due to insufficient support for the original glass stand by the frames, with the result that it is possible to prevent defective reading of images by the CIS 1.--